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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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ATTN: BOARD OF PATENT  
APPEALS & INTERFERENCES

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APPEAL NO.: 2009-010751

FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING FIRST-PRINCIPLES SIMULATION  
TO ANALYZE A PROCESS PERFORMED BY A SEMICONDUCTOR  
PROCESSING TOOL

**REQUEST FOR DECISION BY BOARD OF APPEALS -**  
**NO REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

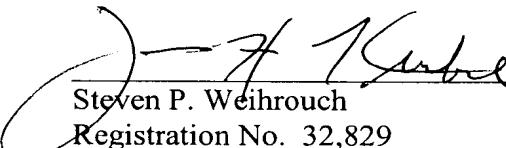
Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date on which a decision will be received from the Board of Appeals in the above-identified application.

The application was examined by Group 2825, the Examiner's Answer was mailed on October 31, 2008, and no oral hearing was requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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